REMARKS

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Yeh et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,411,334; hereafter "Yeh"). Independent claim 1, as amended, recites a method that includes scaling a first portion and a second portion of image information to provide a scaled first portion and a scaled second portion. The unscaled first portion would substantially fill a first memory area. The scaled first portion and the scaled second portion are stored in the first memory area.

A memory is typically divided into a plurality of memory areas, with one portion of image information being stored in each memory area. In other words, an amount of memory is generally allocated for each memory area, and only one portion is stored in each area. If the portions are scaled, more than one portion may be stored in each memory area. In the method recited in independent claim 1, as amended, the scaled first portion and the scaled second portion are stored in the first memory area.

Yeh describes a method for correcting aspect ratio of a display by scaling a source array of pixel data in a memory by a scale factor to a destination array of pixel data. In Yeh, the width and/or height of pixels in the source display are scaled to be the same as the width and/or height of pixels in the destination display. However, Yeh does not teach or suggest storing a scaled first portion and a scaled second portion in a first memory area, wherein an unscaled first portion would substantially fill the first memory area.

Independent claims 4 and 16, both as amended, recite limitations similar to those of independent claim 1, as amended, and therefore also distinguish over Yeh for at least the same reasons set forth above with respect to independent claim 1, as amended.

In view of these remarks, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

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